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FORESTER SILCOX

VISITS SOUTHERN REGION

The United States Forester, accompanied by Regional Forester Kircher, is completing an inspection trip through Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. The Forester will spend March 20 in the Regional Office.

This is Mr. Silcox' first official visit to Region 8. It also has a personal interest because he is a Southerner. He was born in Georgia and spent his youth in South Carolina.

SIX HUNDRED MILLION

earmarked for CCC

When President Roosevelt broke the deadlock in the Senate over the \$4,880,000,000 relief bill by indicating how he intended to allot the money, \$600,000,000 was budgeted for a Civilian Conservation Corps of 600,000 men, nearly twice the number enrolled for the fourth period. The bill gives the President an adjustment fund if the allotment for any of the projects is insufficient. It has been estimated that \$750,000,000 will be required to finance a 600,000-man CCC.

NEW PURCHASE UNIT

FOR MISSISSIPPI

At its meeting on March 7, the National Forest Reservation Commission authorized the Delta National Forest Purchase Unit in Mississippi, and additions to the Ouachita, the Ocala, and the Leaf River District of the DeSoto National Forest. The total acreage authorized for purchase in each State in Region 8 at this meeting of the Commission follows: Alabama, 80 acres; Arkansas, 8,622; Florida, 42,257; Georgia, 312; Louisiana, 225; Mississippi, 11,094; North Carolina, 15,156; Oklahoma, 320; South Carolina, 25,215; Tennessee, 1,313; Texas, 23,942.

MILLION-DOLLAR BUDGET FOR

CLARKE-McNARY WORK IN REGION 8

The 1935 Clarke-McNary budget for Region 8 amounts to \$1,003,433, divided as follows: North Carolina, \$117,271; South Carolina, \$74,952; Georgia, \$146,855; Florida, \$138,420; Alabama, \$71,500; Mississippi, \$52,133; Louisiana, \$145,780; Texas, \$105,489; Oklahoma, \$25,433; Arkansas, \$86,012; Tennessee, \$39,578. Of this amount, \$415,965 was appropriated by the Federal Government.

FOREST IMPROVEMENT ON \$30,000,000

The \$30,000,000 P. W. A. program of improvement work in national forests, funds for which were allotted in 1933, is nearing an end. Here are some of the jobs accomplished:

26,000,000 Man days of work for the unemployed last year.
Construction of 3,813 miles of truck trails (February 1).
2,532 Miles of horse and foot trails.
3,761 Miles of telephone lines.
115 Bridges.
Erosion control work covering 41,994 acres.
442,030 Acres, tree disease control.
521,313 Acres, insect control
553 Lookout houses and tower observatories.
1,879 Warehouses, ranger stations, and other miscellaneous structures.
233,707 Acres, timber stand improvement work.
23,861 Acres, planting.
5,100 Bushels of tree seed collected for nurseries.
932 Public campgrounds.
Improvements on 548 miles of fishing streams.
3,353 Miles of range fences.
Development of 56 corrals and 5 pastures.
499 Miles of driveways.
1,861 Water developments for livestock.
18,217 Acres, eradication of poisonous plants.
Revegetation of 10,670 acres of depleted range.
Rodent control on 6,186,653 acres of depleted range (cooperation
Biological Survey).
2,197 Miles, boundary surveys.
271,000 Acres, surveying and mapping of planting areas.
80,000 Acres, forest type surveys in field.
12,000,000 Acres, compilation of cover type data.
2,276,300 Acres, field mapping by ground methods.
82,400,032 Acres, timber resources estimates completed.
2,000,000 Acres, compilation of visibility maps for fire
detection purposes completed.
3,048,000 Acres, field photography for aerial mapping.
3,751,500 Acres, compilation of air photo drainage maps completed.

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FORESTERS HONOR CCC DIRECTOR

The American Forestry Association will give a dinner on March 22, in Washington, in honor of Robert Fechner, Director of Emergency Conservation Work, and members of his advisory council.

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DIRECTOR APPALACHIAN STATION TO GIVE FULL TIME TO RESEARCH

Among important reassignments in the research organization of the Forest Service announced in Washington recently was the relief of E. H. Frothingham as director of the Appalachian Forest Experiment Station at Asheville, N. C. In announcing the change, Forester Silcox stated that it was made at Mr. Frothingham's request so that he might devote all his time to silvicultural research.

Mr. Frothingham has been head of the Appalachian Station since its establishment nearly fourteen years ago. He is widely known throughout the Forest Service for his sound methods and thoroughness. His technical work in silvics and silviculture in the early days is regarded as authoritative in his field.

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WILL THE FIVE PERCENT PAY CUT BE RESTORED APRIL 15?

Suppose Congress fails to provide funds for the restoration of the 5 percent pay cut from April 1, the date it selected, and July 1, the date the President thought best, will an increased pay check be forthcoming April 15? (Note: The President signed the bill, but told Congress it must find the \$16,000,000 necessary for the period from April 1 to July 1.)

The best R. O. legal and fiscal minds think it will. Congress will probably provide the money, they say, and, if not, certain "fluid funds" will be used to meet the emergency.

CCC ENROLLEES GAIN NEARLY 6 POUNDS FIRST TWO MONTHS IN SOUTHERN CAMPS

Enrollees in the Civilian Conservation Corps in the Fourth Corps Area gain an average of 3.6 pounds during the first month in camp, and 2.17 pounds the second, an aggregate gain of 5.77 pounds. These figures were indicated by a survey made by the Office of the Surgeon General of the War Department.

The average gain for the entire country was from seven to eleven pounds. The Eighth Corps Area (Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wyoming) registered the greatest weight gain--6.91 pounds the first month, and 4.32 pounds the second. Grand total, 11.23 pounds.

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SOUTHERN FORESTRY IN THE NEWS

According to the papers:

An English paper mill, Edward Lloyd, Ltd., is seeking a shipment of Georgia pine for manufacturing into newsprint paper. The Lloyd mills are said to be the only ones in England equipped to grind wood into pulp for paper making. Heretofore wood for this purpose has been imported from the Scandinavian countries and from Russia.

A Georgia lad planted some pine seedlings, and to make his slower forestry work pay, he planted corn between them. Then the corn was cultivated, the little trees received the benefit, if any. Apparently there was, because it has been reported that the pine seedlings attained a growth in four years that ordinarily would have required seven, the age at which they are usually ready for pulp making.

WHERE THEY WENT

A number of important administrative changes have recently taken place in the Southern Region.

Headquarters for the Forest Service in Florida are now located in Tallahassee.

Philip H. Bryan has been transferred from the Pisgah National Forest to the Ozark National Forest where he will be assistant supervisor.

H. E. Ochsner, assistant supervisor, Pisgah National Forest, is now assigned to the Regional Office as forest code examiner.

P. F. Wallace Prater has gone from the Ouachita to the Cherokee to be assistant forest supervisor.

Burton Graham, formerly on the Pisgah, and W. L. Gerard from the Alabama Forest, are attached to the Branch of Engineering, Regional Office.

William R. Paddock, formerly assistant forest supervisor on the Cherokee, has been transferred to the same position on the Sam Houston.

Homer P. Nichols, executive assistant on the Nantahala, has been transferred to Tallahassee, Florida.

Miss Donia Robinson, formerly on the Cherokee, has changed her station from the Cherokee to the Alabama, with headquarters at Montgomery.

S. D. Beichler, in charge of land acquisition work on the DeSoto National Forest, was transferred to the Branch of Lands, Regional Office, on March 1.

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NEWCOMERS IN THE REGIONAL OFFICE

W. W. Bowers, formerly with the Conservation Department of Massachusetts, arrived on March 1 to take up his duties as inspector of recreational work in Region 8. Mr. Bowers studied forestry at Yale and landscape architecture at Harvard. After graduation he was connected with the Long Island Park Commission.

Miss Eliza Matthews entered the office of Maintenance on March 15 to take the place of Miss Anne D. Fiorentino, who has been transferred to the Branch of Engineering.

Mrs. Regina Meyerhardt has been appointed to a stenographic position in the Branch of States Relations.

Miss Betty Wootten has received an EC7 appointment in the Branch of Operation where she will assist Miss Kathleen Asher.

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